

Living With MRSA

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

What is MRSA?

MRSA is a type of Staph bacteria that is resistant to common antibiotics and may cause skin and other infections.

You can get MRSA from direct contact with an infected person or by sharing personal items with an infected person.

Signs & Symptoms of MRSA

A MRSA skin infection is a sore that is:

- Red or swollen (may look like a spider bite)
- Painful
- Warm to the touch
- Full of pus or other drainage
- Accompanied by a fever

Controlling MRSA

- Get medical care - do not try and treat your infection yourself
- Keep infected wounds covered with clean dry bandage
- Properly dispose of used bandages
- Wash your hands often
- Have those that live with you wash their hands often
- Do not touch or pick at sores
- Do not share personal items (towels, washcloths, razors, clothing, etc.)

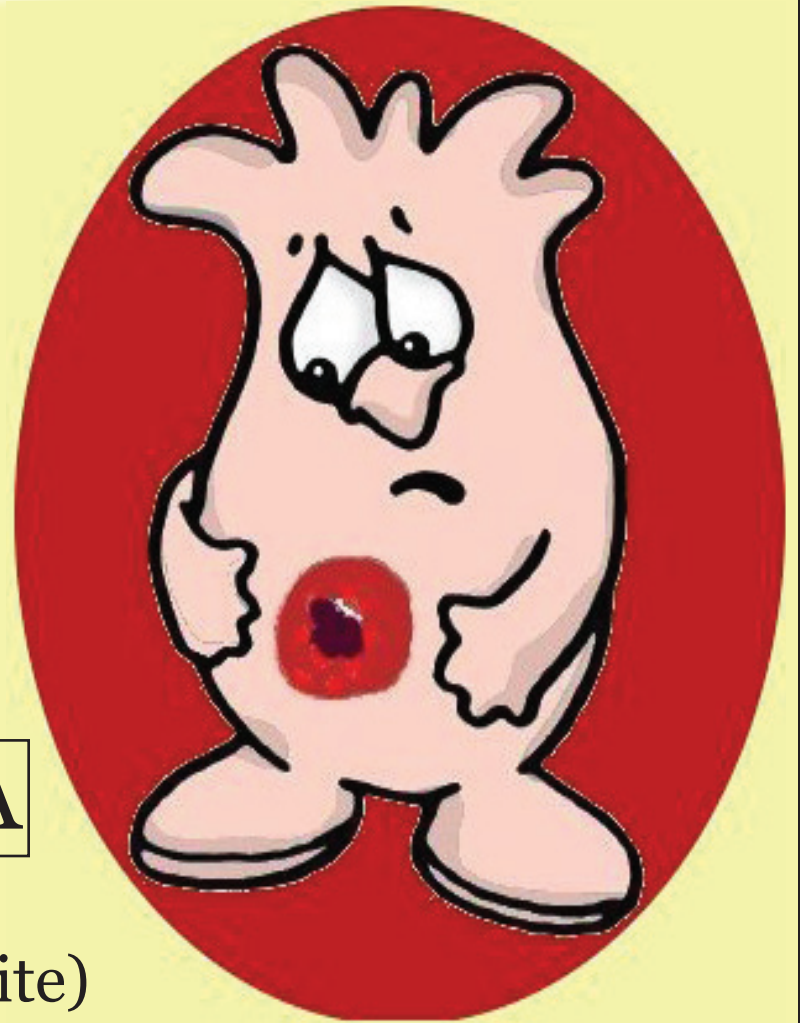


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